Instructions for Data Privacy Act Form

- 1. Before use, owner or management agent must fill in the property location in the box provided and under item #2, check the box(es) for each MHFA loan type or program applicable to the property. Once this is done, copies can be made.
- 2. The form consists of a two-page form and attachments. Attachments **may be discarded** if they are not applicable to the property.
- 3. Part A contains items that if the applicant/tenant did not provide the information, their application or assistance would be denied.
- 4. Part B of each attachment contains items that MHFA may collect, but are voluntary on behalf of the applicant/tenant. They would not lose their assistance or residency if they did not provide the information.
- 5. Each adult household member's name must be **printed clearly** at the top in the box provided. Signatures go on page 2. Managers should check to be sure each signature is accompanied by the **date signed**.
- 6. The form is to be signed one-time and is valid as long as the resident lives at the property and participates in the program(s) identified in item #2. If a resident moves from one unit to another, the original signed form should be moved to the file for the new unit. A copy should be kept in the file for the old unit.
- 7. Only one form is needed per unit as long as the **head of household, spouse, co-head, and all household members over the age of 18** have signed the form.
- 8. If an adult is later added to the household or a minor reaches age 18, they must be added to and sign & date the form. It is not necessary to sign a new form.
- 9. A copy of the form should be given to the applicant/tenant. It is acceptable to give them an unsigned copy.
- 10. For new residents, the form should be completed at the time of initial application.
- 11. For existing residents, the form should be implemented upon the next recertification.